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FM AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2738

INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY BUJUMBURA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC (SMUTS, SMITH, HUNTER)

SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS

REF: STATE 124484

1. WHILE I WOULD HAVE PREFERRED THAT CONTACT WITH BISHOP  
CATARZI AND NSENGIYUMVA HAD BEEN MADE BY MACFARLANE BECAUSE OF  
HISTOTAL FAMILIARITY WITH CASE, IN LIGHT OF PARA 7 REFTEL,  
I AM BY RADIO INSTRUCTING LOVING EITHER HIMSELF  
TO GO TO BUJUMBURA OR TO SEND SOMEONE TO BUJUMBURA TO  
COLLECT RELEVANT TRAFFIC AND THEN TO DO NECESSARY.

2. RE QUESTION PARA 3 REFTEL, CONCERNING LIKELIHOOD OF  
ASSURANCES OF SAFE PASSAGE BEING GRANTED BY GOZ, ALTHOUGH  
ONE CANNOT BE CERTAIN, I BELIEVE THAT UNLESS PRESIDENT MOBUTU  
WERE TO CHANGE HIS MIND AND EVIDENCE TO DATE IS THAT  
WHILE HE INITIALLY RELUCTANT TO ADMIT GOZ INVOLVEMENT,  
EVEN THEN HE HAD TOLD KEY OFFICIALS TO BE COOPERATIVE,  
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WEWOULD GET ASSURANCES. I CAN ALMOST HEAR BULA

REPLYING TO MY REQUEST, "PAS DE PROBLEME." HOWEVER,  
SUCH ASSURANCES DO NOT RESOLVE PROBLEM SINCE GOZ, AS  
DEPARTMENT WELL KNOWS, HAS COMMAND AND CONTROL PROBLEM  
THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTRY AND THERE WOULD BE NO WAY  
TO BE CERTAIN AUTHORITIES IN LAKE TANGANYIKA AREA HAD  
RIGHT INSTRUCTIONS OR THAT THEY UNDERSTOOD THEM IF THEY  
DID. IN NO CIRCUMSTANCES COULD WE BE CERTAIN THAT  
ACCIDENT WOULD NOT OCCUR BUT AGAIN, AS I HAVE SAID  
BEFORE, GIVEN LIMITED GOZ CAPABILITIES, ODDS WOULD FAVOR  
SAFE PASSAGE TO BURUNDI WERE PRP TO ACCEPT BURUNDI SITE.  
THIS IS RISK IT MIGHT BE WORTH TAKING.

3. MAY I REMIND DEPARTMENT AHT DAO PLANE HERE IS A  
POTENTIAL ASSET TO HELP SIMPLIFY INCREDIBLY DIFFICULT  
COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEM IN LAKE AREA. WE ARE ASKING GOZ  
THROUGH DEFENSE CHANNELS FOR AUTHORITY  
USE IT. WE ASSUME THAT IF IT IS OBTAINED, AND IT MAY  
NOT BE, GOTAND GOB WOULD BE PREPARED GRANT NECESSARY  
CLEARANCES.

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